

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Carlos F. Navarro, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/812,812  
Filing Date: March 30, 2004  
Group Art Unit: 3732  
Examiner: Meaghan E. MacPherson  
Title: Self-Ligating Lingual Orthodontic Bracket

MAIL STOP AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 13, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims.

Entry Recommended  
10/16/06  
JRE